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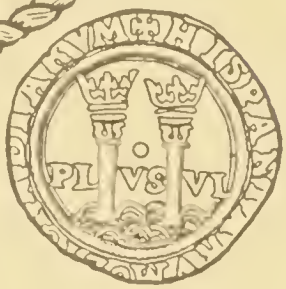

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FEBRUARY

The March issue will carry more convention infomation. Look for it!

REMEMBER The 1st of March is the deadline for the April issue

LLOYD C. COLVIN

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Most of our coin clubs in the state have a monthly newsletter. Your President has been receiving a good number of these and from every indication, the coin collecting hobby will begin 1983 in a very healthy condition. Those clubs that have interesting and informative programs with their meetings - along with enough time for fellowship and trading - seem to be the most active clubs. This would be a good time for clubs to ask new people to visit your club. While there, be sure to make this person welcome and have a program that they as novices would enjoy.

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Receipts from many coin shows in many cases are increasing; however, with increased costs in practically all areas, ie advertising, building rental, security, etc., many clubs are finding the bottom line barely in the black. New avenues of revenue should be explored. Any ideas you might wish to send to me will be passed on to our coin clubs.

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By the way, while talking to new people about joining your local club, how about speaking out for TNA and you might have a prospective member for both.

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Remember our annual state convention in Corpus Christi. Make plans and try to bring your whole family.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS!!

The La Quinta Royale Motor Hotel, near Bayfront Plaza Convention Center where TNA convention activities will take place, is located at 601 North Water St., Corpus Christi, Tx. 78401. Make your hotel reservations early for the 1983 TNA convention. Write to the above address or phone 512/888-4461.

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A NEW COLLECTABLE? WHY NOT?

Robert A. McCulley,
Bay City, Tx.

I've read a lot of articles in the past several years about grading controversy, advertising hype, unreasonable bid-ask spreads, A.N.A. certificates, IRA accounts, MS-60/62/65/67 hair splitting, full step this and half head that. I decided a mild protest was in order so I set about establishing a criteria for the "perfect numismatic collectable."

My perfect collectable would first be one that totally eliminates grading as a criteria for value. That pretty well scratches machine-made items that circulate so as to cause wear and reduce value. Hence, business strike coins would be out. Secondly, mintage and production figures need to be eliminated to prevent hoarding and promotion. Specimens must also be scarce, or at least difficult to locate, to satisfy the collector urge and valuable to satisfy the investor urge. Valuable enough anyway so few people would have any and others would be envious of yours. This creates pride in showing the collection.

Eye appeal would be very important in appreciating the aesthetic value of the pieces, recognizing that beauty is in the eye of the beholder. One must receive satisfaction in holding and examining the specimen while wondering what other hands have held the piece and marveled at its pedigree.

For the scholarly, there's the area of research and cataloging. The lack of mintage figures would present the supreme challenge of determining how many and what kinds exist. Other attributes of the perfect collectable would be the collection could be easily transported, not prone to counterfeiting, legal to own, possess a price structure readily published and available to all, and it would have high liquidity in an active marketplace. The collection, or any part of it, could be easily converted to cash and convenient to use in a barter system if economic and political crisis or disaster occurred.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, the collection could never be considered complete, as a coin board or album might be by filling all the holes, because of having no previous reference books or catalogs on the subject.

After all that, when the time comes to sell the collection, the perfect collectable would have had an above average chance for capital appreciation at a higher rate than inflation. In short, it would have been a good investment.

Few things meet all the criteria above but 10 T. Oz. .999 silver bars do. After the dozen or so popularly advertised and traded bullion bars, one is hard pressed to locate other varieties. But here's what happened in the silver boom/bust period of 1979-80.

Hundreds of thousands of ounces of coins, flatware, and antiques were dumped by the public. Coin dealers, pawn shops and itinerant buyers swamped refineries causing them to fall three to five months behind and to be unable to confirm deals while

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COLLECTING ANCIENT COINS

TODD SHEWMAKER
BOERNE, TX.

Ancient coins, in my opinion, are among the most beautiful coins ever issued in the world. Aside from their beauty, there is a great historical significance associated with every ancient coin. It never ceases to amaze me to behold something so old!

Ancient coins are coins that were made prior to 500 A.D. Each coin was individually made by hand-carved dies. The obverse die was created by carving a design in a bronze disc which fit into an anvil. The reverse die was carved on a punch. On the earlier coins the reverse was a simple geometric design. The coin was made by taking a hot metal blank out of a furnace and placing it on the obverse die. Then the reverse die was placed on the blank and hit with a hammer.

The value of a coin was determined by the metal from which it was made and the amount of metal used. The different metals were gold, silver and bronze.

Greek coin denominations were in several different standards with silver drachms, obols (1/6 drachm) and staters (2 or 3 drachms) made of silver, and staters made of gold, being the units of measure.

Roman coin denominations include the silver denarius, the bronze sestertius and the silver-plated antoninonus. We don't know the name of all the Roman denominations.

The first step in collecting ancient coins is studying them in available literature. Two basic books for beginners are **An Outline of Ancient Greek Coins** and **Reading and Dating Roman Imperial Coins** by Zander H. Klawans. A popular series of books are **Greek Coins and Their Values**, Volumes I and II, **Greek Imperial Coinage** and **Roman Coins and Their Values** by David Sear. For collectors of coins of the Roman Republic, the standard reference is **The Coinage of the Roman Republic** by Edward Sydenham. An important book for any collector of ancient coins is **The Illustrated Grading Guide to Ancient Numismatics** by Raymond Ladd. These books can be either purchased from a dealer or borrowed from a library.

One way of studying ancient coins is to join an organization such as American Numismatic Association, American Numismatic Society and the Society of Ancient Numismatists. All of these organizations can help the collector gain knowledge of numismatics. Their advantages are the use of library material, the opportunity to meet other collectors and to learn from them.

There are endless varieties of ways to collect ancient coins. They include collecting coins by geographical areas, coins representing the different gods and goddesses and coins of a certain ruler. Some people collect one coin of each Roman emperor, all types of one emperor, the different denominations of one emperor, or the same denomination of different emperors. Collecting ancient coins which picture various animals, ships, birds

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MEET THE CANDIDATES

The following nominees for officers and district governors to serve the Texas Numismatic Association for 1983-85, a two-year term, have been duly nominated. Nominations are now closed. Voting will be by mail ballot to be sent to each voting member by March 10. Ballots must be returned in the envelope marked "Official Ballot." Write-in nominations may be made providing that written consent of the nominee has been filed with the TNA secretary by March 10. Biographical data and photos were not complete on the announced candidates at press time.

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PRESIDENT: Lloyd C. Colvin, Amarillo
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DISTRICT VII - Frank Galindo, San Antonio
DISTRICT VIII - Joe B. Davis, Corpus Christi
DISTRICT IX - Ed Chauncey, Lubbock
DISTRICT X - Walt Woelper, El Paso
DISTRICT XI - Nela Runkle, Amarillo
DISTRICT XII - T. J. Bennington, Tyler
DISTRICT XIII - No Nomination
DISTRICT XIV - Ada Lee Chisum, Pharr
DISTRICT XV - Jerry Williams, Beaumont
DISTRICT XVI - No Nomination

A NEW COLLECTABLE —

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the price fluctuated wildly. Dealer cash flow became critical. Some set up small refinery operations to handle their own trade and other entrepreneurs quickly followed. Then the price fell apart.

After the dust settled lots of small refiners were caught with high-priced inventory they could sell for only a fraction of cost. Public buying dried up and some refiners went belly up. Except for a few bars that went into private investment hands, most of the rest was sold to larger refineries who were now caught up and could again confirm prices. Such imaginative refinery names as New Hope, Cochise, Doyle's Mint, Pike's Peak, and Jade Assay were not in production any more and few specimens remain.

I think they're an important part of recent numismatic history that are desirable as collectables and, incidentally, do meet all the previously mentioned criteria. The "thrill of the find" is intact and even enhanced because new specimens are introduced unannounced from time to time. One might expect to find an addition to the collection at coin shows, pawn shops, dealer's stores, and just about anywhere else.

If you have interest in this area or just want to share information, please contact me at 1912 Baywood, Bay City, TX. 77414.

LOOKING BACK -

For the February issue we contacted 14 TNA Charter Members asking: "As a member of TNA since organization, can you review 22 years in 75 words or less what impact TNA has had on numismatics in Texas - the good, the bad or otherwise?" We had only six responses and here they are:

ROSENDO (ROSS) BARRERA - Corpus Christi. In 1934 and 1935 I began collecting coins, only for the history of them, never thinking I could sell my coins for profit. In 1936 I bought my first coin book and found a dealer in Ft. Worth that would buy my coins. In 1953 a dentist friend took me to a Corpus Christi Coin Club meeting and I became a member in 1954, joined ANA in 1956; and became president of the CC club in 1959, the father of TNA in 1960; part owner of a Savings & Loan in 1972; and president of an investment company in 1982. All of this because I had been a coin collector and member of TNA and ANA. When I began collecting coins I was earning $3.50 per week and collected from circulation. In 1938 I sold my first coins at a good profit, so I pat myself on the back because I was doing so great. In 1936, I saw a coin, a $4 gold Stella selling for $75. I knew that this coin would sell in 20 years for about $25,000. I could not borrow money to buy it as I was only making $3.50 a week and nobody would loan me the money! My dream came true when we organized TNA two months later after I was elected president of the CC club. I started the ball rolling to organize TNA with only 10 Charter Members at the time. Joe B. Davis was named as temporary president and No. 1 Charter Member. During the first coin and stamp show in Corpus Christi in 1959 (Labor Day) we decided to call a meeting in Port Lavaca. I would like to thank all the people and members for putting this organization on top in Texas and we hope to be No. 1 in the U.S.A. with the help of you all doing this wonderful job.

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AUGUSTA FOLDA - Tyler - TNA's 1st secretary: I believe the TNA has made collectors conscious what an organization can do for them. It has acquainted them with dealers who would never have come to Texas. And there is a fellowship among members who attend the conventions and coin shows.

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ELLIS RANDALS - Hico: TNA has been good for numismatics in Texas in several areas. First, my acquaintance with other Texas collectors has been greatly increased. Second, my knowledge of numismatics has been extended and broadened. Third, and possibly most important, it has fostered the creation of numerous coin clubs throughout the sate. We are building a GREAT organization. Let's keep going forward!

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CARLTON BRUSH - Farmersville - TNA's 1st vice president: TNA-Numismatics. Synonymous! To have one it takes the other. Thanks to the many loyal TNA members who have made our dream in 1960 so viable and strong in the '80s. Thanks to the many

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from the 2nd vice president

Texas Numismatic Association
Gerald W. Kendall
Box 55545, Houston, Tx. 77055

For the last two issues of **TNA NEWS** there was no letter from the 2nd vice president. This was not due to neglect but it seems that the U.S. Post Office managed to accomplish in some nine to 11 days what the Pony Express did in six days while my letter traveled only one-eighth of the distance.

As most, if not all know, I am an avid stamp collector as well as coin collector. I have visited many of the stamp shows in the past and was surprised to see little or no information on the exhibits. During the first part of December, I visited Guatemala. While there I had the pleasure of visiting Sr. Romero Routhier, vice president of **International Society of Guatemala Collectors**. In the course of conversation, he mentioned that he had lost the gold medal in exhibits because the judge did not like some of the comments in his explanations - these things the judge was supposed to know. This prompted my question, for whom are the exhibits made, the jugdges or the viewers? His answer startled me. In exhibiting stamps the exhibit is made up entirely for the judge. If this is the case, philatelic exhibits are only for those affluent collectors who proudly stick out their chests and strut up to the judge and say, "Just look at what I have. Have you ever seen one in such condition? Do you have the extra cash to purchase one also?"

It will be a sad day in coins if things degenerate to this level. Exhibits are education for the non-collector and the novice. I'm looking forward to Corpus Christi and the 1983 exhibits where all the questions are supposed to be answered right in the case.

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from the secretary

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WELCOME to new members 4288-4294 and Chapter 195. If approved the following will become members March 1, 1983.

4295 (D-7) James E. Gordon, Box 210, Utopia, Tx. 78884. Gerald Kendall.

4296 (D-4) Danny West, 1824 S. Interregional Hwy #319, Austin, Tx. 78704. Gold, silver dollars, type. Coleman Foster.

4297 (D-4) Joe Dianovich, 2303 Spring Creek Dr., Austin, Tx. Lyman C. Bartee.

4298 (D-4) Fred Barkley, Jr., Box 5279, Austin, Tx. 78763. General. Lyman C. Bartee.

4299 Hascall C. Pierce, 152 W. 31st St., Holland, MI. 49423. Foreign coin dealer. John C. Face.

4300 Anthony Suratek, Box 343, Kew Gardens, N.Y. 11415. Numismatist. Stanford M. Kennady.

4301 (D-5) H. T. Whitey Holm, 12900 Preston Rd. #824, Dallas, Tx. 75230. U.S. silver dollars, etc. Gerald Kendall.

RESIGNATIONS

1694 Homer T. Brooks (D-5)

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TNA News Certificate of Deposit as of December 31, 1982	4,280.13

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EVENTS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 19-20

FORT WORTH MID-SEASON COIN & STAMP SHOW, Green Oaks Inn, 6901 West Freeway. **WRITE**: Joe Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Ft. Worth 76118.

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MARCH 5-6

GATEWAY COIN CLUB, San Antonio, annual show, Roadrunner Recreation Center, Fort Sam Houston.

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MARCH 19-20

SOUTH PLAINS COIN CLUB, annual show, Civic Center, Lubbock.

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MARCH 24-27

SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATICS, Sincon XIII, Airport Park Hotel, Ingelwood, Calif. **WRITE**: Box 943, Santa Monica, Calif. 90406.

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MARCH 26-27

GREATER PORT ARTHUR COIN CLUB, annual coin show, Thomas Jefferson High School Cafeteria, 2200 Jefferson Dr. **BOURSE**: Dewey Scott, Box 1324, Orange 77630.

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MARCH 19-20

SOUTH PLAINS COIN CLUB, annual show, Civic Center, Lubbock. **BOURSE**: Ed Chauncey, 5015 Universuty, Lubbock 79413.

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APRIL 9-10

MIDLAND COIN CLUB & TEX COIN CLUB, coin show, Midland Center, 105 N. Main. **WRITE**: E. L. "Bob" Bills, Box 4, Ponotoc 76869.

APRIL 15-17

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN. CONVENTION, Corpus Christi. Billy Tate, General Chairman. **BOURSE**: John Face, Box 8593, Corpus Christi 78412.

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APRIL 24

DALWORTH COIN & STAMP SHOW, Arlington, Rodeway Inn at Six Flags Over Texas. **CONTACT**: Joe Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Ft. Worth 76118.

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MAY 14-15

OKLAHOMA NUMISMATIC ASSN., 7th annual convention, Lincoln Plaza Forum, Oklahoma City. **BOURSE**: Wilbert's World Coins, Box 10983, Midwest City, Okla. 73140.

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MAY 21-22

AMARILLO COIN CLUB, Spring Show, Civic Center. Details later.

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JUNE 25-26

GREATER ORANGE COIN CLUB, annual show, Orange House Inn.

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AUGUST 4-7

SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATICS, Sincon XIII, Airport Park Hotel, Inglewood, Calif. **WRITE**: Box 943, Santa Monica, Calif. 90406.

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SEPTEMBER 10-11

ROSE CITY COIN CLUB, 4th annual coin show, Tyler. **WRITE**: Club, Box 4900 Dept. 1026, Tyler 75712.

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TEXAS District Meetings

DISTRICT I -

Morris Johnson
Governor

Club members and their families were guests at a Christmas party hosted by **Stephenville Coin Club** at Red Bandana Steak House. Forty six joined in the festivities.

Door prizes were given and refreshments were plentiful. Forty one lots were on the auction table and everyone had a good time. - **Lorene Randals, Sec.**

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DISTRICT V -

Barney Welch
Governor

The NI Bulletin issued for January by **Numismatics International** of Dallas contained articles by Lee Grossman, K. Gabrisch, Harold Don Allen, Robert Mike Jones, Kenneth M. MacKenzie, Walter Bergman and B. N. Charles.

Philip L. Lawrence is organization president; John Demarais, vice president; Don C. Douglas, secretary; Wm. B. Thompson, treasurer. Marvin L. Fraley is NI Bulletin Editor.

Cmdr. C. C. Andrews installed the new officers for **Garland Coin Club** at the annual Christmas party held at Sheraton Inn Northeast. James Brown is club president; Barney Welch, vice president; Lucretia Johnson, secretary-treasurer; and Andrews, Billy Gilbreath and George Johnson, directors.

A recording of a talk given by W. A. Philpott Jr. at the 1970 Christmas party was played. Philpott, now deceased, one of the foremost numismatists of Texas, was nationally known.

Welch presented gifts of appreciation to Brown, Jack Spann, Lucretia Johnson, Clara Jones, Andrews and Gilbreath. Games were played under the direction of Ray Holt. Winning prizes were Stephanie Barber, James Bonds, Audra Lamm, Ben McKnight, Clara Jones, Kipp Kerbow, Wanda Solkema, Eva Edinger, Cindy Bowles and Margaret Bonds. - **Lucretia Johnson, Sec.**

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A holiday dinner party was attended by 42 members and guests of **Dallas Coin Club** and heard Tom Law speak on "English Gold Coins." Law discussed in detail from the earliest coins through Elizabeth II.

A drawing was held for Poinsettia plants and were won by Genevieve Allen, Eddie Boone, Homer Brooks, Thelma Fittante, Walt Goodman, Jo Ann Law, Timothy Lee and W. H.

Veerman. Other prizes went to Victor Toogood and Mickie Nunn. - **Frank Clark, Sec.**

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DISTRICT VI -

Al Loja
Governor

Members of **Greater Houston Coin Club** enjoyed a jolly good time at the annual Christmas party held at First Unitarian Church. Ellen Morrow was party chairman.

The Board of Directors voted Melvin L. Neal as general chairman for the 27th annual Money Show which will be held January 26-29, 1984. The club is seeking a new meeting place due to the number of burglaries at the present location. - **Club Bulletin.**

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The 20th year of club operations is being celebrated by members of **Bellaire Coin Club** and the 56 members and guests attending the Christmas party reported a good time was had by all.

To start off the new year, new officers will be elected at the February 7 meeting. The nominating committee was to report on the 1983 candidates at the January 3 meeting. On January 17, an auction was planned. **Club Bulletin.**

DISTRICT VII -

Frank Galindo
Governor

Members of **Alamo Coin Club** and **Gateway Coin Club** of San Antonio joined in holiday fun at the home of Alamo club president, Ted Almquist for a buffet dinner and numismatic gift exchange. The party was in lieu of December meetings for Alamo club members.

Beginning in January, the club will be meeting at ReMax Realty office building in Blanco Junction, Loop 410 and Blanco Rd. - **Club Bulletin.**

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Tom Walker, **Gateway Coin Club** (San Antonio) vice president, was scheduled to give the programs at the Jan. 6 and Jan. 20 meetings at Roadrunnner Recreation Room, Ft. Sam Houston. Walker's topics were to be "Types of Fractional Currency" and "Commemoratives of the Western Hemisphere."

December door prize winners were Edd O'Connor, George Doughterly, Thomas Walker and Michael Lopez. Walker and Joe Morales gave a program on State and Federal coppers of Mexico. Walker also gave a program

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on "Collecting U.S. Patterns." - **Michael J. Lopez, Sec.**

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DISTRICT VIII -

Joe B Davis
Governor

New officers were installed for **Liberty Coin Club** of Corpus Christi during a club banquet held at Chung Mei Restaurant. TNA Governor Joe B. Davis installed Louis Gonzales, president; John Allen, 1st vice president; Alonzo Perez, 2nd vice president; Glen Littrell, secretary; and Ross Barrera, treasurer. - **Club Bulletin.**

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Recent programs given before members of **Corpus Christi Coin Club** included "The Great Seal" by Glen Littrell and "Costumes and Coins of Foreign Countries" by Phillip Rosenstein. Also Alan Yafee, local attorney, gave a program on U.S. currency.

Members are furthering plans to host the April 15-17 TNA convention and announcement was made in regard to the distribution of a 2" wood nickel featuring the Harbor Bridge and the club logo. - **Club Bulletin.**

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DISTRICT IX -

D O Joplin
Governor

Installation of new officers took place at the **South Plains Coin Club** holiday dinner and auction at Lubbock International Airport with 58 attending. Special guests were representatives of Texas Boys Ranch for which the benefit auction was held.

Kurt McEnaney was installed president; Max Hayslip, vice president; and Hansen Ling, secretary-treasurer. TNA achievement awards were presented Jim Hall, McEnaney, Murrell Riggins, Gary Oakley and Ling for programs given during the year. D. O. Joplin, voted "Club Member of the Year," was given the traveling plaque.

Les Murphy, director of Texas Boys Ranch, gave a talk on ranch operations. Jim Hall and McEnaney conducted the benefit auction and raised $900.00 for the ranch. - **D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**

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The annual Christmas dinner and benefit auction was held for members and guests of **Levelland Coin Club** at Spot Restaurant. Twenty eight attended. Guests included members of **South Plains Coin Club** of Lubbock and Levelland Boys Club.

Nancy Price, Boys Club secretary-treasurer, reported on the many activities and thanked the club for their donations throughout the years. Robin Blake and wife were special guests. Robin is a former Boys Club

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member who has turned to professional boxing. On December 17, he won his 16th fight. - **D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**

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DISTRICT X -

Walt Woelper
Governor

The **International Coin Club** of El Paso is sponsoring the 20th annual coin show on February 4-6 at Rodeway Inn, Bassett Center. Walter E. Woelper is show chairman.

Everyone is invited to attend especially all officers of TNA, according to Woelper.

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DISTRICT XI -

Nela Runkle
Governor

Curtis Maple is the new president of **Amarillo Coin Club and** will be assisted by Mike Eklund, 1st vice president; Jim Jordan, 2nd vice president; Rosemary White, secretary; T. Johannsen, TNA representative; Paula White, historian; and appointed at-large-members, Nela Runkle, Bob Billingsley and Darrell Tipton.

During the December meeting a charity auction was held which netted $641.40 to help needy families. Winning door prizes were Bill Bassett, Pam Tipton, Art Cox, R. C. Tipton and Ted Johannsen. - **Club Bulletin.**

DISTRICT XII -

Augusta Folda
Governor

T. J. Bennington, president of **Rose City Coin Club,** Tyler, is announcing the 4th annual coin show, location not given. The show is set for September 10-11.

For more information write Rose City Coin Club, Box 4900 Dept. 1026, Tyler 75712.

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DISTRICT XIII -

Twenty seven members and guests attended the Christmas dinner at Underwood's Cafeteria hosted by **Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Club.**

President James Talley presented certificates of appreciation to W. R. Lunsford and Rebecca Pemberton for their devotion to duty as vice president and secretary, respectively. Also receiving recognition were winners of the mini exhibits for the year - Pauline Copelin and Gary Salazar. Junior members Theodora Eggleston, Jon Hardesty and Debbie Wilson each received a package of stamps donated by Joy Boruff. Door prize winners were Debbie Wilson, Pauline Copelin, O. V. Hampton and Morris Lemmond.

The evening's entertainment was highlighted by a program of Christmas music by Gary Foresythe. - **Rebecca Pemberton, Sec.**

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DISTRICT XV -

Greater Port Arthur Coin Club will stage its spring show on March 26-27 at Thomas Jefferson High School, 220 Jefferson Dr General chairman is Glen Dowden, Dewey Scott, bourse chairman; Bill and Lisa Stem, advertising; Russell and Elaine Tritico, exhibitts; and Buck Dowden, registration. For table reservations contact Scott, Box 1324, Orange 77630.

Jerry A. Williams
Governor

New officers serving the club are Glen Dowden, president; Steve Pecora, vice president; Jim Eldridge, 2nd vice president, Bill Stem, secretary, and James Rodriguez, treasurer.

Members will be meeting in a new location - Nederland City Hall on Boston Ave. on the first Thursday of each month. - **Club Bulletin**.

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Greater Beaumont Coin Club members were recently joined by guests from **Greater Port Arthur Coin Club** for a large auction conducted by George May.

During the business session, it was voted to allow $15.00 per month for door prizes and to present a bronze Past President's medal to Carol Mourner, 1982 club president.

Given door prizes were Linda Dowden, Jimmy Majors, Lisa Stein, Roy Tritico, Arthur Howell, Jim Eldridge, George Fortune and George May. - **Club Bulletin**.

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The nominating committee reported on new officers selected for **Greater Orange Coin Club** and include Marie Casey, president; Dewey Scott, 1st vice president, Al Hardy, 2nd vice president; Lucy Canter, secretary; Lavada Canter, treasurer.

Six junior memberships have been donated by Earl's Coins & Stamps for 1983 and any junior under the age of 15 is eligible. Winning prizes were John Goddard, Todd Dragulski, Dewey Scott and Al Hardy.

Dale Schmidt was in charge of the program and spoke to the group about coins and gaming tokens used in gambling casino machines. Schmidt also conducted the auction for the 20 attending. - **Lucy Canter, Sec**

CONVENTION EXHIBITORS OFFERED SPECIAL AWARDS

If you are planning an exhibit for the Texas Numismatic Association convention in Corpus Christi on April 15-17, and if your exhibit contains coins of Mexico or numismatic errors, there will be special awards given for the best in that category in addition to the regular TNA awards. More details will be given in the next issue of **TNA NEWS**.

A major part of the purpose of a convention is to promote the numismatic hobby; to show the public how interesting and rewarding it can be; to get others involved. Perhaps the best way is through exhibits - showing what we've collected and sharing what we've learned about it, says Norma Mather, exhibit chairman.

For more information on exhibiting and for applications, write Norma Mather, 1300 S. Border, #214, Weslaco, Tx. 78596.

A REMINDER!

If your club is making plans to compete for the Col. Raymond Darrah award, remember - the deadline will be March 7, 1983. (Your entry must be postmarked no later than March 7.) Club officials and TNA governors can get information and a copy of the rules from Morris L. Johnson, Dist. 1 governor, 1993 Frey St., Stephenville, Tx. 76401. Telephone 817 968-7341.

TNA HISTORIAN APPOINTED

TNA President Lloyd Colvin has announced the appointment of Katherine Mears as TNA historian. Katherine is the wife of L. C. (Lonnie) Mears who was general chairman of the 1982 TNA convention in Ft. Worth and daughter of Eleanor and Mac Kennady, TNA secretary and treasurer. Anyone having photos, newspaper clippings or other scrapbook material, please send to Katherine, 3908 Woodbury, Ct., Arlington 76017.

COLLECTING ANCIENT COINS —

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or other themes is also popular.

When buying ancient coins, always look for the coins in the highest possible quality. Some beginners skimp on quality to save money. This is false economy. Always buy ancients from reputable dealers in order to protect yourself from counterfeits and over-graded coins.

Ancient coins are both challenging and fun to collect. Although they may seem more expensive, I find them more affordable than choice U.S. coins. I encourage you to become involved in this rewarding field of numismatics.

SALVATION ARMY GETS KRUGGERAND DONATION

Salvation Army officials were puzzled but grateful after a mystery donor dropped five gold Kruggerands into a kettle at a shopping center at Crystal Lake, Ill.

The coins, valued at $464 each, were dropped into a volunteer's kettle but the volunteer did not get a good look at the anonymous donor. The money was added to the group's general bank account for charity work.

LEFT TOOLS

In 300 B.C., near Athens, the Greeks abandoned a silver mine. In 1861, when mining was resumed, picks and hammers left by workmen more than 2,000 years earlier were found exactly as they had been dropped.

Maria Theresa is remembered by many for her wisdom and loyalty to the House of Hapsburg. She was one of history's great numismatists. Her popularity with royalty and commoner alike brought constant gifts in the form of additions to her coin collection, and many of these still are displayed in a fine arts museum in Vienna.

LOOKING BACK —

(Continued from page 8)

dealers without whom we could not enjoy our hobby. And thanks to TNA and numismatics - you have been good to and for me.

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JOHN HILL - Temple: "Organization" is the key word that best describes our TNA's 22 years of success. To preserve the history of our past and to honor our members involved, I suggest the creation of a "TNA Hall of Fame" and propose as the first four members Joe Davis, our founder, and first president; Lyman Bartee, who has so unselfishly served as president, vice president and convention coordinator; our beloved Miriam Gilmore, longtime editor of the **TNA NEWS**; and Margo Russell, executive director of **Coin World**, who has fully supported our organization since its creation by her advice, suggestions, and participation in our annual conventions.

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STANFORD (MAC) KENNADY - Austin - TNA Treasurer: During the past 20 years I have seen TNA grow from infancy to the full maturity of an organization greatly respected nationally, and with a membership which extends far beyond the borders of our United States. One of the more important roles TNA has played over the years has been to provide a forum at which members could be heard, and a central point from which the furtherance and improvement of numismatics in Texas could be initiated. Personally, I have been enormously rewarded through my membership by the friendships which have been made, and because we are all working toward a common goal.

MINI NEWS TIME!

The 1983 Texas Numismatic Association convention is fast approaching and April 15, 16, 17 will be here before we realize it. The **TNA NEWS** editor is preparing the Mini News - a pocket-size booklet familiarizing visitors with TNA, its history and advantages of being a member.

Each year we accept contributions to help defray publication expense. If you as an individual or your club wish to be listed as a patron, please send your check for $2.50 to **TNA NEWS** Editor, Tarry Towne Apts., 315 Vance Jackson C26, San Antonio, Tx. 78201. **DEADLINE IS MARCH 15!**

ASU LIBRARY BENEFITS FROM BOOK COLLECTION

The Arizona State University Library at Tempe, Ariz. has been given an 8,000-volume collection of books valued at $200,000. Library officials said the collection was bequeathed to the library by a Los Angeles scholar and dentist, Alberto Francisco Pradeau, who died in 1980.

The books cover Mexican history from the Spanish conquest to the mid-20th century. Pradeau was an expert in Mexican coins and that nation's northwest frontier.

TREASURER'S REPORT —
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Certificate of Deposit as of November 30, 1982	1,750.57
Interest Earned	68.74
Certificate of Deposit as of December 31, 1982	1,819.31
Life Membership Savings Account as of November 30, 1982	5,309.42
Interest Earned	136.22
Life Membership Savings Account as of December 31, 1982	5,445.64
TOTAL ASSETS	16,999.69

EVENTS CALENDAR —
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SEPTEMBER 17-18

AUSTIN COIN CLUB, annual Money Mart, Quality Inn South. WRITE: Club, Box 1225, Austin 78767.

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FUTURE TNA CONVENTIONS

1984 - May 4-6, TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN. CONVENTION, Amarillo.

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1985 - April 16-20, TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN. CONVENTION, El Paso.

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1986 - TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN. CONVENTION, Ft. Worth.

SILVER GRAND AWARD

For the Grand Award for the best collection of Scandanavian rare postage stamps at Sweden's national stamp exhibition in Sollentuna, Sweden last November, over six pounds of pure silver was used in rendering of the impressive solid silver statuette called "The Silver Post Rider." The world's history is filled with references to silver awards, given to celebrate heroic deeds, victories in sporting events and military campaigns, artistic triumphs, and outstanding service to governments, civil organizations and corporations. These silver awards have acted to encourage others to similar or greater efforts.

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Texas Numismatic Association honors its chapter members with awards saluting the three top clubs in Texas. The awards are made annually at the governors and club representatives breakfast during TNA conventions. THE CLUB SALUTE AWARD carries first, second and third honors. Clubs participating must be TNA members in good standing.

Here's all you have to do to enter competition - submit a typewritten report of club activities during the calendar year 1982, no later than Mar. 1, 1983 to Club Salute, Tarry Towne Apts. C26, 315 Vance Jackson, San Antonio, Tx. 78201 and include the following:

1. Name of club and how many members do you have?
2. When and where are club meetings held?
3. Types of programs usually held.
4. Describe any special programs held during the year.
5. Did your club have any special guests during the year?
6. Do you have numismatic exhibits at your club meetings, and/or, has your club exhibited at any special events or functions? Please list and describe the occasion of any special exhibiting your club has done during the year.
7. Has you club made an effort to be involved in local civic projects? Include and describe any charitable activities, and/or, donations.
8. Describe how your club meetings, and coin shows, if you hold any, are publicized.
9. During the past year, did your club or any member, have any special honor bestowed?
10. Describe any efforts your club has made to further and encourage numismatics, and to increase interest in the club.
11. During the past year what has your club done to increase membership?
12. In what ways does your club encourage junior membership and participation in numismatics?
13. Describe anything not covered above which your club has done to publicize and generate greater understanding of, and interest in, numismatics.

Religious mottoes have been on English coins since the time of King Edward III (1327-77). The custom continues in today's "D.G.," for "By the Grace of God."

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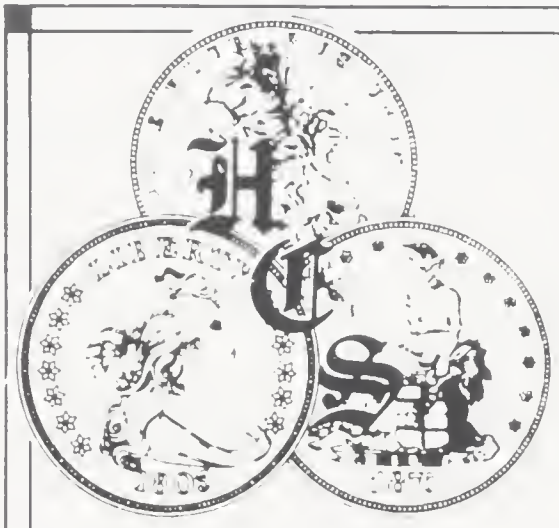

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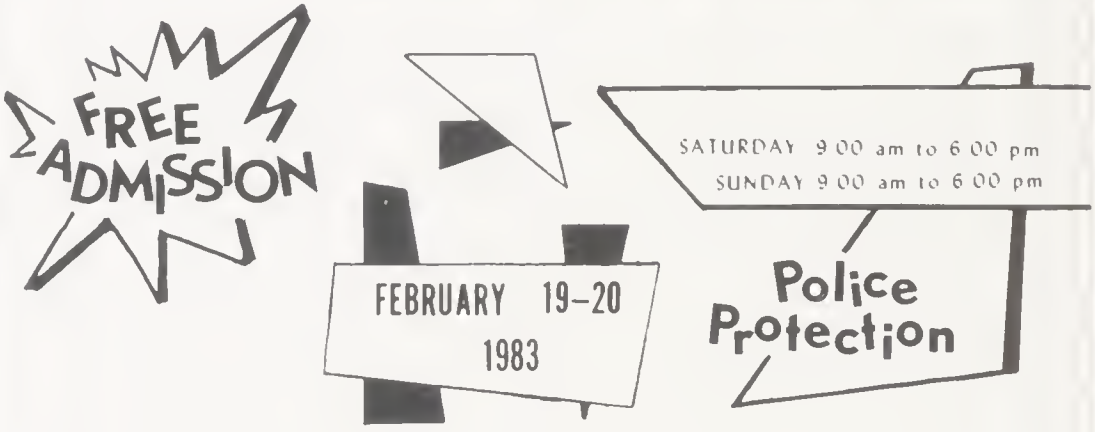

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